

THE LADY GODIVA.

By ALFRED TENISON.

ALFRED TENISON has published another volume of Poems, which are spoken of by the English critics as "evident powers greatly matured and strengthened by the lapse of ten years, which has intervened since his last publication." The extracts, which we have seen, are certainly superior to his earlier Poems. The following is the old legend of Canterbury, rendered into compact and graceful verse:

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I WAITED for the train at Coventry;
I hung with grooms and porters on the bridge,
To watch the tall tall spires; and there I shaped
The City's ancient legend into this:

Not only we, the latest seed of Time,
New men, that in the flying of a wheel
Cry down the Past, not only we, that pride
Of Rights and Wrongs, have loved the People well;
And loathed to see them over-taxed; but she
Did more, and underwent, and overcame
The woman of a thousand Summers back;
Godiva, wife to that grim Earl who ruled
In Coventry; for when he laid a tax
Upon her Town, and all the mothers brought
Their children, clamoring "If we pay we starve!"
She sought her husband, and found him, where he strode
About the hall among his dogs, alone;
His kinsmen a foot before him, and his hair
A yard behind. She told him of their tears,
And prayed him, "If they pay this tax they starve,
Whereat he stared, replying half-amused—
'You would not let your little finger ache
For such as these?" "But I would die," said she.
He laughed, and swore by Peter and by Paul;
Then slipped at the dissension in her eye:—"Oh! ay, ay, you talk!" "Alas!" she said,
"But prove me what it is I would not do;
And, from a heart as rough as Esau's hand,
He answered: "Ride you naked through the Town
And I repeat it" and nodding—in scorn—
He parted, with great strides, among his dogs.

So, left alone, the passions of her mind,
As winds from all the compass shift and blow,
Made war upon each other for an hour,
Till Pitt won. She sent a herald forth,
And bade him cry—with sound of trumpet—all
The hard conditions; but that she would loose
The People; therefore, as they loved her well,
From thence till noon no foot should pace the street,
No eye look down, when passing; but that all
Should keep within—door-shut, and window-barred.
Then fled she to her inner bower, and there
Unclasped the wedged eagles of her belt—
The grim Earl's gift; but ever, at a breath,
She hungered—looking like a Summer moon
Half dipped in cloud—when she shook her head
And bared herself in haste; abdow the stair.
Stole on; and, like a creeping sunbeam, slid
From pillar unto pillar, until she reached
The gate-way—there she found her paltry trap
In purple, blazoned with armorial gold.

Then she rode forth, clothed on with chastity;
The deep air listened round her as she rode,
And all the low wind hardly breathed, for fear,
The little wide-mouthing heads upon the sput
Had cunning eyes to see; the barking cur
Made her chock flame; her paltry's foot-fall shot
Light horrors through her pulses; the blind walls
Were full of chinks and holes; and overhead
Fantastic gables, crowding, stared; but she
Not less through all bore up till, last, she saw
The white flowered elder-sticket from the field
Gleam through the Gothic archway in the wall.

Then she rode back, clothed on with chastity;
And one low chub, compact of thankless Earth,
Feeled by word of all years to come,
Boring a little anger hole, in fear
Pooped; but his eyes, before they had their will,
Were shrivelled into darkness in his head,
And drooped before him! So the powers who wait
On noble deeds, cancelled a sense mislaid:
And she, that knew not, passed; and all at once,
With twelve great shocks of sound, the shameless

WAS dashed and hammered from a hundred towers,

One after one; but even then she gained

Her bower, whence rising, robed and crowned,

To meet her lord, she took the tax away,

And built herself an everlasting name.

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA.

Correspondence of the Omega Advertiser.

KITTANNING, PA., NOV. 1841.—Since writing you last, we have settled our little Water-Witch, from the beautiful village of FRANKLIN, (the seat of Justice for Venango Co.) which is situated near French Creek, just at its entrance into the Allegheny River. The weather has been as fine as a warm autumnal sun and a cloudy sky could make it; while the wind, though gentle, has been full strong enough to make our tiny craft, with its huge billows, swim swiftly over the bright and lively waters of the Allegheny River. We have become so much attached to our little skimmer, that we shall not think of quitting it again until we have insured it along side the piers of Pittsburgh.

The village of FRANKLIN is delightfully situated, being surrounded with hills, which, on every side, rear their heads in grandeur and beauty, while along the river they rise almost perpendicularly from the water's edge. This place contains a population of about six hundred, and is rapidly increasing. It contains a fine Court-House, a Jail, an Academy, and an Episcopal and a Presbyterian Church. Near the town was FRANKLIN FORT, built during the French War, from which the place takes its name. The fort is now destroyed, but some of the embankments remain.

The only article manufactured in this town and county, to any considerable extent, are iron and lumber. They have several furnaces and forges. The iron manufacturers are multiplying, and the tide of emigration is rapidly flowing in. Among the articles of exportation is sand-stone, for the manufacture of glass, vast quantities of which are sent to the glass-works at Pittsburg. Besides the minerals common to Western Pennsylvania, on OIL CREEK, in this county, are several springs, from which the famous Seneca Oil is obtained.

The meaning of Pennsylvania to you are, are Pennsylvania's Works. It is derived from the surname of William Penn and Sylvia Woods. It is said that few if any regions of equal extent ever bore, in a state of nature, a more dense forest. We are sure that this region of the State well deserves the name, for it is an expanse of woods in the strictest sense of the word.

The surface of the country in this section of Pennsylvania is generally rolling, and the soil for the most part very good; very little poor land is found in this whole region, if we except that portion of Warren County bordering upon the Beaver, KITTANNING, which is so stony that an Eastern speculator has said "that it will probably never be settled, unless by an earthquake."

The country on the Allegheny and its tributaries is, however, better adapted to grazing than to grain and cattle and horses form, even now, important articles of exportation. The principal market is Pittsburg, although many articles are sent down the Ohio, and are carried frequently as far down as New Orleans. In clearing the land in this country vast quantities of wood are consumed to ashes; large ash factories are established; the ashes are carried to them and converted into pearl ashes, and sold at Pittsburg. Thousands of dollars are said to be realized yearly by this manufacture.

The people in this region, are looking anxiously for the completion of the New-York and Erie Railroad, from the "Commercial Emporium" to Olean, on the Allegheny River. They anticipate great advantages, from that work; for the facility it will afford them, to send their lumber (of the best quality) and their other products, to the New-York market, at all seasons of the year, and receive in exchange their merchandise from that city. The trade and road, will be immense, to say nothing of the vast and almost boundless trade that will, through this channel, seek the values of the Ohio and the Mississippi—while the New-York and Pennsylvania Canals, are bound in "water-tight" and even when they are open for busi-

ness they can never compete with the steam transpor-

tation, from New-York City, to Pittsburg, by the way of the Erie Railroad; and the improved Allegheny River.

We had no time to visit the flourishing village of MEAVILLE, and its interesting COLLEGE. The village stands upon the banks of FRENCH CREEK, some miles above Franklin; it is beautifully located, we are told, and contains not less than two thousand inhabitants. It is the seat of justice for Crawford county and is connected with the Allegheny, by French Creek, which is navigable, and also by a branch of the Pennsylvania Canal, which commences at the mouth of French Creek, and extends to the village. On the north border of the town, Carr Mawas, the inventor of STRAW PAPER, has a large and commodious building for the manufacture of that article. He had previously conducted a rag-paper establishment. On examining some straw, which had been placed at the bottom of the barrel of ashes, prepared for making hay, he observed that it looked soft, and thought it might be of use in the manufacture of paper. Perceiving that it was tough and seemed to possess an adhesive quality, he was induced to chase some of it, which he rubbed on a board, and placed in the sun to dry. Finding that it had considerable texture, he tried the experiment of making paper on a small scale, and succeeding in this, he obtained a patent right, and erected his Straw Paper establishment. It is found to be a very cheap and useful article. Recently, an edition of the New Testament has been printed on this paper, costing only five cents per copy.

KITTANNING, the county town of Armstrong Co., is pleasantly situated on the Allegheny River, forty miles from Pittsburg; and contains a population of nearly one thousand. The public buildings are Court House, Jail, Academy and four Churches. Excellent coal, is here delivered at the doors of the purchaser for one dollar per ton; and the market is abundantly supplied with provisions at a very low price.

KITTANNING bears the name of an old Indian village, built upon the site. This village was burnt by Colonel, afterwards, General Armstrong. With a force of three hundred men, he approached the place by the river, below the town, at three o'clock in the morning, near a camp in which a number of the enemy were lodged out of their cabins, account of the heat of the weather. As soon as the dawn of day made the men visible, the troops attacked it through the hill, killing several of their foes. Captain Jacobs, their principal chief, sounded the war-horn, and defended the house bravely, through loopholes in the logs; and his Indians, generally refused quarter, declaring that they were men, and would not be prisoners. Col. Armstrong, who had received a musket ball in the shoulder, ordered the cabin to be set on fire. Quarter was again tendered, and again refused, and one of the savages vowed his contempt of death, solacing us it would be by the slaughter of many of his assailants. The noise of the death song now rose high and loud, and were heard above the crackling and roaring of the flames. At length some of the Indians, among whom were Captain Jacobs and his family, burst from their houses and attempted to escape, and cross the river, but were instantly shot down. The inhabitants of the town had been abundantly supplied with arms and ammunition, which had been stored in their huts. The former being loaded, were discharged in quick succession as the fire came to them, and the latter exploded from time to time, throwing portions of the wigwams and the beds of the inhabitants high in the air. Nearly forty Indians were destroyed in the attack; eleven English prisoners were released, and the enterprise, well-timed and successfully executed, prevented an insurrection, which had been planned by the French and Indians. Col. Armstrong and his officers and men, received the thanks of the Corporation of Philadelphia, and a medal was struck commemorative of their success! The spot where the Chief's cabin stood is still pointed out.

Throughout Western Pennsylvania Salt Springs are numerous. Those which produce most abundance, are found near the margins of the Conemaugh and Allegheny Rivers; although to procure water sufficiently strong for the manufacture of salt, it is necessary to perforate the earth to the depth of three hundred, and frequently of seven hundred feet. The resources for the manufacture of salt in Western Pennsylvania, it has been remarked, seem inexhaustible. The Salt works are numerous, and the facilities for transportation very great. It may be conveyed by canal and steamboat navigation, easterly to Philadelphia, and westerly, down the Ohio and Mississippi, to New Orleans. In 1840 the capital employed in the Salt works of this section of the State was estimated at one million and a half of dollars, and the amount of salt manufactured that year at not less than two million of bushels. The cost per bushel averages twelve cents. The difficulty of procuring salt is great, and the expense of transporting it to market is correspondingly increased.

The above is all that I can find in my records, and it is extremely difficult to get information on this subject. I have, however, a copy of the "American Almanac" for 1842, which gives a good deal of information, and it is as follows:

FRANKLIN HOUSE, PHILADELPHIA.
THAT—This new and splendid Hotel, situated in Chestnut street, between Third and Fourth streets, at the corner of Franklin Street, is the residence of the Standard Bank, Banks & Co., Post Office, &c. &c. &c. and is to be kept in the American and French styles exclusively, having been built in the Ornate and a Restaurant, will be opened for the reception of guests on the first of June.

It is to be a quiet retreat for Ladies, having

private entrance from the basement department, whereas a lady is in constant attendance, to attend Guests.

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